(c) Does not arise.

(d) Government has requested the European Economic Community to consider supplying gift dairy commodities for Operation Flood-III Project.

Custom-duty exemption for breeding cattle

3336. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the import of breeding cattle is completely exempted from custom-duty;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such exemption is available to pureline poultry breeding stock;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to grant similar exemption to parent stock so as to provide a fillip to poultry export; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) The existing pureline breeding units in the country are capable of meeting the demand for parent stock. Hence, the need for import of parent stock should should not normally arise.

Committees on Agriculture

3337. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a number of committees to overcome the difficulties of Agricultural Sector;

(b) if so, the main recommendations thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The relevant information is being collected.

गुजरात के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में अतिरिक्त डाकघरों का खोला जाना

3338. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गुजरात के अहमदाबाद, राजकोट, सूरत तथा बड़ोदरा के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में अतिरिक्त डाकघरों के खोले जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू): (क) जी हां।

(ख) गुजरात में अहमदाबाद, राजकोट, सूरत और बड़ोदरा के ग्रामीण इलाकों में औचित्य पाए जाने पर खोले जाने वाले और प्रस्तावित अतिरिक्त विभागीय शाखा डाकघरों का विवरण नीचे दिया गया है।

विवरण

वार्षिक योजना 1991–92 के दौरान औचित्य पाए जाने पर अहमदाबाद, राजकोट, सूरत और बड़ोदरा में खोले जाने वाले अतिरिक्त डाकघर

जिला	अतिरिक्त विभागीय शाखा डाकघर
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अहमदाबाद	1. सिनोज 2. बसना सोगठी 3. समाली

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सूरत	1. उस्कर, रामकुंड 2. हीरावदी 3. असारमस 4. बड़ापड़ा 5. शिउदी
बड़ोंदरा	1. भारवदा 2. धनारोस 3. करोदिया 4. पंचदावला
राजकोट	1. नेसदा (एस) 2. नाना खिजाड़िया 3. मधापुर 4. घंघिया 5. जम्बुदिया 6. रोहिशाला 7. कजरदा 8. हदमदिया

Sixth Telecom Operational Coordination Meeting

3339. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sixth Telecom Operational Coordination Meeting was held at New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the names of which participating countries;

(c) whether some issues on improvement of telecom services were discussed threat;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to implement these issues?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 6th Indo-Bangladesh Telecom Operational Coordination meeting was held at New Delhi during 2-4 Dec. 1991.

(c) and (d) The following issues for improvement of telecommunication services between the two countries were discussed.

(i) Augmentation of circuits for ISD and telex services.

(ii) Upgradation of existing microwave link from analogue to digital.

(iii) Provision of alternative transmission link between the two countries for security and survivability of the telecom services.

(iv) Provision of telecome services between transborder towns at cheaper tariff.

(e) Telecom services between the two countries will be augmented in due course as per the agreed decisions.

Space of Post Cards

3340. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the space for writing address in the existing post card is inadequate particularly for use by villagers; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase the size of the Post Card?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. The space for writing address on Part Card has been increased. The new Post Cards with more space for address have been put up on sale with effect from 16th December, 1991.

(b) In view of the above, there is no proposal to increase the size of the Post Card.

Strength of Postal Staff in Uttar Pradesh

3341. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the strength of staff in Ranikhet, Almora, Bhikiyasain, Chaunalia,